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For: CONTROL METHOD FOR NETWORK  
SYSTEM

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A summary/abstract translation of the non-English language references is enclosed.

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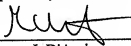
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